Profit of Central Warehousing Corporation

1992. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the profit of Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) is going down and if so, the measures taken to reduce the establishment cost and to enhance its profit;

(b) whether CWC has hired an open plinth more in percentage than to utilize its own capacity; and

(c) if so, how much rent has been paid in this regard for the last three years and what steps are proposed to be taken to immediately discontinue hiring of open plinth capacities and to utilize its own capacities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The turnover and profit of the Central Warehousing Corporation are continuously on the rising trend. The data for the last three years is given below:

(*Rs. in crores*)

Year	Turnover	Profit (Before Tax)	Profit (After Tax)
2004-05	522.87	60.42	41.30
2005-06	619.50	106.95	70.62
2006-07	686.44	133.80	88.70

(b) No please.

(c) In view of (b) above, not applicable.

Procurement of paddy and wheat in Bihar

†1993. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the procurement of paddy and wheat in Bihar is not made as per the prescribed targets due to the Minimum Support Price;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in addition to FCI several other agencies have been entrusted the responsibility of procurement of foodgrains in Bihar whose achievements have not been satisfactory;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the number of purchase centres in the State for the purpose of procurement of foodgrains is not sufficient; and

(d) if so, the details thereof for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. In addition to FCI, BISCOMAUN, NAFED and PACS are procuring foodgrains for the Central Pool on behalf of FCI and State Agencies.

(c) No, Sir. Adequate number of purchase centers in districts having marketable surplus, are opened in the State in Rabi and Kharif Marketing Seasons for procurement of foodgrains.

(d) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.